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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Mr. Dan Schab, 2005-2006 Michigan Teacher of the Year

SUBJECT: Teacher of the Year Report

**Michigan Teacher of the Year Highlights**

Visit to Eastlawn Elementary School, Midland Public Schools

- Observed math, science and language arts lessons in K-5 classrooms and participated in class activities.
  - Met with teachers to discuss curriculum and instructional strategies at the elementary level.
  - ▶ SBE/MDE Strategic Plan – Objectives 1 and 3
- Participated in the “LEADing the Future” professional development program, Michigan Gates Project
    - Received training in how to use a handheld computer as a tool to enhance leadership and improve student achievement.
    - ▶ SBE/MDE Strategic Plan – Objective 1

Visit to Perry Middle School, Perry Public Schools

- Observed 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade algebra classes.
- Met with math teachers to discuss curriculum development and instructional strategies.
- ▶ SBE/MDE Strategic Plan – Objectives 1 and 3

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**Presentations to Government Classes at Lansing Catholic High School**

- The focus of the presentation was on understanding the legislative committee process in Washington, D.C.
- Shared my experiences from working for the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pension Committee.
- ▶ SBE/MDE Strategic Plan – Objective 1

- **Presentation to Ionia County Administrators, Ionia ISD**

- The title of the presentation was "Rigor, Relevance and Relationships."
- ▶ SBE/MDE Strategic Plan – Objectives 1 and 3

**Review Committee for High School Content Expectations for Mathematics, Department of Education**

- ▶ SBE/MDE Strategic Plan – Objective 1

- **Presentation to Middle and High School Mathematics Teachers, Williamston Community Schools**

- The presentation focused on the proposed high school graduation requirements and the high school content expectations for mathematics.
- ▶ SBE/MDE Strategic Plan – Objective 1

**Participated in the Network of Michigan Educators third annual Conference and Recognition Banquet, "Connections for Action."**

- ▶ SBE/MDE Strategic Plan – Objectives 1 and 3

**Attended the Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) Leadership Forum, Miami Beach, Florida**

- Met with EPFP fellows from across the country to build leadership skills and gain a better understanding of the challenges facing education leaders today.

**Math/Science Partnership (MSP) Team, Department of Education**

**Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP)**

**State Board of Education Meeting**